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National Telecommunications Commission  
MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
No. 02-03-80

SUBJECT : AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FREQUENCIES IN THE BANDS ALLOCATED TO THE AMATEUR SERVICE FOR RELIEF AND RESCUE OPERATIONS DURING NATURAL DISASTERS OR EMERGENCIES.

The 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) adopted a resolution allowing administrations the use of frequency bands allocated to the Amateur Service to meet essential communication needs in times of natural disasters or emergencies. In line with the purpose and objective of said measure, the use of local radio stations of frequencies in the bands allocated to the Amateurs Service for relief and rescue operations during the occurrence of natural disasters or emergencies is hereby authorized subject to the following conditions:

1. If by amateur radio stations it shall be only for communications in relation to rescue and relief operations in connection with natural disasters or emergencies; and
2. If by non-amateur radio stations it shall be limited to the duration of the emergency and to the specific geographical areas.

All radio stations which may be involved in said operations shall submit corresponding reports to the NTC within 15 days after carrying out disaster communications as herein authorized.

This circular shall take effect immediately and it supersedes or amends any circular, order or instruction or part thereof which is inconsistent herewith.

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